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May 1, 1974

The Honorable William P. Clements, Jr.
The Deputy Secretary of Defense
The Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Mr. Clements,

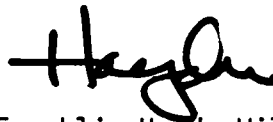
Agreement has been reached with the Chairman, Marianas Political Status Commission to open another session of formal talks in Saipan commencing May 15, 1974. It is anticipated that this session, fourth in the series, will last through the end of May.

This session should prove to be one of the most productive, especially in the area of U.S. land requirements in the Mariana Islands. For this reason I am asking that Captain E.C. Whelan, International Security Affairs, Department of Defense, serve as an advisor to the U.S. Delegation during these talks. I consider Captain Whelan to be eminently qualified and experienced in these sensitive negotiations for Marianas land.

Unfortunately, funds available to the Office for Micronesia Status Negotiations are insufficient to defray the costs of Captain Whelan's travel and per diem and it will be necessary for his parent organization to provide the funding.

I sincerely appreciate your cooperation and assistance in these status negotiations and hope that Captain Whelan can be made available for the fourth session.

Sincerely yours,



Franklin Haydn Williams
The President's Personal Representative
for Micronesia Status Negotiations

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